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For:

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The cited references were called to Applicants' attention in the Search Report dated August 18, 2003, in European Patent Appln. No. 0 3012124.8, which is a counterpart to the instant case. A copy of that search report is also enclosed, and the Examiner is respectfully directed thereto for a concise explanation of the relevance of the cited art.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant (PTO/SB/08A&B) be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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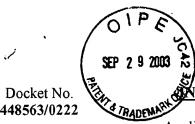
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